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A NEMA field team and its mobile operations center completes its final full day of operations in Pilger on Thursday. NEMA will continue to work with local communities as they continue on the road to recover.

Local Updates

Stanton County residents who have lost driver's licenses or state IDs should contact the Stanton County Office of Emergency Management at 402-439-2900.

Pilger

- Test results for water samples in Pilger have tested negative for coliform, so the boil alert for Pilger has been lifted. Residents should run water from each tap for 3 to 5 minutes to flush out the line as a precautionary step.
- The Village of Pilger will hold a community meeting **Saturday, June 28 at 1:30 p.m.** in the park. The meeting will cover an update of recovery progress and rebuilding. Representative from the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources will present information on flood plain rebuilding and answer questions. "As we continue to recover from the June 16 tornado, it's understandable that residents will have questions about the rebuilding process," said Kim Neiman, Village Clerk. "We would like as many village residents to attend as possible so they can receive this important information."
- **The Knights of Columbus Columbus Council 938** will be hosting a lunch in Pilger at the village park on Saturday at noon. Volunteers, citizens of Pilger and rural Stanton families affected by the tornado are invited to attend.
- **Kim Neiman**, the Pilger village clerk, has a temporary office, until further notice, in a trailer in the village campground. She will plan to have someone in the trailer to take messages when she's not there.
- **Gas service** has been restored in Pilger. Contact Black Hills Energy at 888-694-8989 if you need emergency assistance with your gas connection. Non-emergency requests can be made at 888-890-5554.
- **Updated contact information is needed from residents of Pilger** displaced by the storm. Please contact the Village Clerk at 402-396-3563 or by stopping at the temporary Clerk's office in the village campground.

Special School Board Meeting Scheduled

The Board of Education of Wisner-Pilger Schools of District 30 in Cuming and Stanton Counties is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, June 30 at Wisner-Pilger Junior-Senior High School. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss school demolition and construction projects in preparation for the 2014-15 school year and the progress on the 60-day plan.

Nebraska Department of Insurance

The Nebraska Insurance Department offers these tips for individuals affected by recent storms:

- Contact your insurance company or agent as soon as you can.
- Take temporary measures to reduce further damage but do not dispose of damaged property or make permanent repairs until your insurance company has inspected the damage. Keep copies of expenses related to temporary repairs.
- If you need to relocate, keep receipts for your temporary living expenses.
- Maintain copies of all correspondence and take notes of your telephone conversations, including date and time of contact and name of person to whom you spoke.
- Obtain references, written estimates, proof of insurance and your insurance company's approval before authorizing a contractor to begin repairs.

If people have insurance-related questions or concerns, please call the Department of Insurance on its toll-free consumer hotline at 1-877-564-7323 or visit the Department's website at <http://www.doi.nebraska.gov>.

Voluntary Agency Relief Efforts

Unmet Needs--People who have unmet needs should meet with American Red Cross representatives who will be able to then refer them to all the various agencies in the affected area. The Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) which was located at the Wisner-Pilger High School has been relocated at the Wisner Fire Hall, 1055 Ave. D. Agencies, including: The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, All Hands, Billy Graham Crisis Outreach, Veteran Services and more, will be there to assist those impacted by the storms. Hours will be Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Shelters--Shelters continue to be available at Wakefield Community School and at Northeast Community College in Norfolk.

Feeding--Thanks to the agencies that have and continue to step forward to provide food to volunteers and those working in the recovery response efforts. The American Red Cross (ARC), Salvation Army, and United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and Salem Lutheran Church will continue feeding in the impacted areas through Sunday.

Volunteer Assistance is still being accepted

Individuals desiring to volunteer for recovery efforts in **PILGER** should **report to the Pilger Swimming Pool** for check-in and assignments between the hours of **8 a.m. and 3 p.m.** A call-in line remains in place to address all volunteer opportunities for Pilger. The **call-in-line 402-833-1515** can be reached between the hours of **8 a.m. and 5 p.m.**

STANTON COUNTY needs volunteers to assist with debris clean up at farms in Stanton County. Volunteers can check in at the Stanton County Courthouse between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to receive work assignments. Volunteers who have ATVs available are desired. If volunteering as a

group, please call 402-658-5060 in advance. General questions can be answered at 402-439-2900.

Individual desiring to volunteer for recovery efforts in the **WAKEFIELD AREA** are being asked to **report directly to the Wakefield Fire Station** for check-in and assignments between the hours of **8 a.m. and 5 p.m.** Volunteers can call **402-287-2574** during the aforementioned time.

Distribution Centers

All victims from any of the communities and rural areas of the northeast Nebraska counties hit by the June 16 tornados are reminded to go to the distribution centers if they have unmet needs. Victims who are staying with family or friends can still get items at the distribution centers. The centers have a wide variety of items including:

- Food
- Personal hygiene
- Clothing
- Laundry supplies

The **Wisner distribution center** is located at the **Wisner Auditorium**, 1001 Avenue D. If you have questions call the Volunteer Helpline at **402-833-1515** between the hours of **8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

The **Stanton distribution center** is located at the **VFW Post 3602**, 1106 Veterans Ave., **402-439-2113**.

Wakefield distributions are being distributed from two different locations.

- **Meals and Food** are available at the **Salem Lutheran Church**, 411 Winter St., phone **402-287-2681**.
- **Clothing** is available at the **Nearly New Store**, 303 Main St., phone **402-287-8700**.

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